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## **Abstract**

This bibliography contains 207 references on research and management of the lesser prairie chicken (*Tympanuchus pallidicinctus*) published during 1873-1980. A subject index is referenced numerically to an alphabetical list of authors.

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Lesser prairie chickens (*Tympanuchus pallidicinctus*) once occupied large areas of grasslands in southeastern Colorado, southwestern Kansas, eastern New Mexico, western Oklahoma, and the Texas Panhandle. Since 1900, the occupied range has declined by 92% (Taylor and Guthery 1980). Intensive agriculture and heavy grazing probably was a major factor in reducing populations. The species is not endangered; however, land use practices associated with its decline continue, and in some portions of the range, are expanding as more rangeland is converted to irrigated cropland. Hence, the situation bears close watching by conservationists and land managers alike, especially in light of the fact that only about 5% of the currently occupied range is in public ownership.

Because of the large amount of wildlife literature that has accumulated, it is difficult for biologists to cope with the volume of information, even on a regional basis. This bibliography may help them by providing sources of information on the lesser prairie chicken.

More than 200 documents (books, technical and popular articles, theses, dissertations, and reports) relating to the lesser prairie chicken have been published since the identification of this species in 1873. Approximately 75% of these works have been published since 1950. Of the 207 references listed in this bibliography, 60% deal specifically with the lesser prairie chicken; the remainder are general references in which the species is included.

Many Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Project reports were included because much of the information in these reports is not published elsewhere. The reports are available from the Fish and Wildlife Reference Service, Denver Public Library, Denver, CO 80223.

This bibliography is divided into two parts, a subject index and an author index. There are nineteen categories in the subject index with numbers which relate to works listed in the alphabetical author index.

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